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SUBJECT: VISIT TO INDONESIA OF GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. SUMMARY: VISIT OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER TO INDONESIA APRIL 25-28 FEATURED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND TWO MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK. ACCORDING GERMAN AMBASSADOR MULLER, DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, EEC-ASEAN RELATIONS, PRIVATE INVESTMENT CLIMATE, NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND GENERAL SITUATION IN INDIAN OCEAN AND ASIAN AREA. THERE WERE BRIEF REFERENCES TO TIMOR AND HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ON MAY 2 GERMAN AMBASSADOR MULLER SHARED WITH ME DETAILS OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK. OVERALL, AMBASSADOR MULLER FELT VISIT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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FURTHERED RELATIONS AND UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND INDONESIA.

3. MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO BEGAN WITH PRESIDENT'S USUAL REVIEW OF INDONESIAN POLICY WHICH EMBRACED NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RESILIENCY, NEED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND THREAT OF SUBVERSION IF THESE

GOALS NOT ACHIEVED.

4. GENSCHER OUTLINED FRG INTEREST IN CONTINUING DETENTE WITH USSR, STRENGTH OF NATO AND REALITY OF CONCERN OVER INCREASED SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH. DRAWING ON HIS OWN EARLIER EXPERIENCE IN EAST GERMANY, GENSCHER EMPHASIZED TO SUHARTO THAT FREEDOM IS AS IMPORTANT AS SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMIC STABILITY. SUHARTO COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD EUROPEAN APPREHENSION OVER RUSSIAN MILITARY STRENGTH BUT EMPHASIZED AGAIN THAT SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WAS DIFFERENT - MENACE WAS IDEOLOGICAL, NOT MILITARY.

5. WITH BOTH SUHARTO AND MALIK, GENSCHER STRESSED GERMAN INTEREST IN INTENSIFYING RELATIONS BETWEEN ASEAN AND EEC. GENSCHER MENTIONED DESIRE TO SEE DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO GROUPS ELEVATED TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS LEVEL (AMBASSADOR MULLER DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS WAS BY AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF EEC).

6. IN ALL CONVERSATIONS GENSCHER STRESSED FRG INTEREST IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IMPORTANCE OF SATISFACTORY CLIMATE AND FACILITIES FOR PRIVATE INVESTMENT. THIS INTEREST WAS REINFORCED BY SEPARATE MEETINGS, INCLUDING ONE WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO HELD WITH GERMAN BUSINESS GROUP WHICH ACCOMPANIED GENSCHER.

7. IN DISCUSSION WITH MALIK ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, GENSCHER SAID THAT FRG WAS IN FAVOR OF COMMON FUND IDEA BUT THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS MUST BE MORE SPECIFIC IF THEY

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ARE GOING TO OBTAIN PRECISE SUPPORT. HE SAID FRG WILL SUPPORT FURTHER AGREEMENTS ON COMMODITIES, SPECIAL HELP TO THE POOREST NATIONS, AND MEASURES TO INCREASE AND STABILIZE EXPORT EARNINGS. MALIK AND GENSCHER AGREED TO FURTHER BILATERAL EXCHANGES BEFORE CIEC MINISTERIAL MEETING ALTHOUGH TIME AND PLACE NOT AGREED. GENSCHER ALSO RAISED DESIRABILITY OF INVOLVING SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE STATES IN NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. HE STRESSED HOW LITTLE THESE STATES WERE DOING TO ASSIST ECONOMIC PROBLEMS COMPARED TO THEIR SUBSTANTIAL ARMS TRANSFERS. MALIK AGREED THIS WAS DESIRABLE BUT DOUBTED THAT COMMUNIST STATES WOULD AGREE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY HELPFUL WAY.

8. IN HIS REVIEW OF SITUATION, MALIK STRESSED THREE PROBLEMS FOR INDONESIA AND ASEAN COUNTRIES: RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM, RIVALRY BETWEEN USSR AND CHINA, AND ZONE OF PEACE IN INDIAN OCEAN.

9. MALIK SAID HE ACCEPTED IDEA THAT BECAUSE VIETNAM

WANTED ALTERNATIVES TO DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET UNION, THAT APPROACHES BY WESTERN NATIONS WERE DESIRABLE BUT HE STILL FELT VIETNAMESE POLICY COULD GO EITHER WAY. HE STRESSED THAT VIETNAM STILL HAD SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND THAT UNIFICATION OF NORTH AND SOUTH WAS BY NO MEANS A REALITY.

10. MALIK FELT CHINA HAD A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ASEAN BECAUSE OF ITS FEAR OF USSR AND IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES.

11. ON INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE, MALIK TALKED ABOUT GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE. SUPER POWER ACTIVITY CONTINUES AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE ANY SOLUTION. SITUATION IN AREA IS SOMEWHAT BETTER SINCE INDIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGED AND ITS DEPENDENCE ON USSR SOMEWHAT REDUCED. HE TOLD GENSCHER INDONESIA WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK OPENLY AGAINST DIEGO GARCIA BUT UNDERSTANDS U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITION.

12. MALIK ASKED GENSCHER WHETHER GERMANY COULD APPROACH PORTUGAL ON BEHALF OF MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD INDONESIAN INCORPORATION OF TIMOR. GENSCHER REPLIED THAT GERMANY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO INDONESIA SPEAKING FOR TIMOR IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BUT COULD NOT RECOGNIZE SITUATION BEYOND THAT. IN GENSCHER'S VIEW, SITUATION IN PORTUGAL IS STILL TOO UNSTABLE FOR GERMANY TO APPROACH PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ON TIMOR.

13. MALIK RAISED INDONESIAN HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, INFORMING GENSCHER THAT IT WAS INTENTION OF GOI TO RELEASE 20,000 POLITICAL DETAINEES IN NEXT TWO YEARS AND TO DISPERSE THEM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE STRESSED TO GENSCHER THAT THERE WERE STILL ACTIVE COMMUNISTS AMONG THOSE DETAINED AFTER 1965 EVENTS.

14. CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS, GENSCHER DID NOT SEE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT WIDJOJO WHO HAS NOT YET RETURNED TO INDONESIA. NEWSOM

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